

The McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) does not currently have an adopted local Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP) for the Dows Prairie groundwater basin (identified as 1-8.02 by the Department of Water Resources). In April 2006, the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (HBMWD) completed a GWMP for the Mad River groundwater basin, which identified Dows Prairie as a sub-basin. The two basins have similar issues and objectives that include improved understanding of hydrogeology, protection of groundwater resources, and ensuring long-term groundwater availability. However, the HBMWD 2006 GWMP study area did not include Dows Prairie groundwater basin. Very little information currently exists for the Dows Prairie groundwater basin and the MCSD intends to develop a local GWMP once funding resources are provided through the State of California's Proposition 84 grant program.

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors has created a new McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee as of May 2012, which will be tasked with providing guidance, receiving citizen input, and reviewing the draft local GWMP and groundwater testing results as prepared by the MCSD staff and its consultants.

The MCSD local GWMP will be included upon adoption as a component of the North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). Preparation of the GWMP has been included as a distinct line item as outlined in the MCSD work plan and budget documents submitted within this application. The MCSD fully intends to coordinate preparation of its local GWMP with the existing adopted Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District's local GWMP, McKinleyville Community Plan, and the County of Humboldt's 2020 General Plan. The timeline for preparation, review, and adoption of the MCSD's local GWMP is within 20 months time of funding award.